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**Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
MB Docket No. 04-233**

I submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the "NPRM"), released Jan. 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

With respect to the rules that would require advisory boards to comment on small independent station's programming, I feel it could perhaps destroy the very reason the station came to be in the first place, i.e. ethnic, religious, foreign language, alternative music. Not only would the increased review cause increase costs to the owners, but the end result may only serve to make all stations "cookie cutter" clones, serving no one, trying to serve everyone.

With respect to the rules that would require a stations facilities be in the actual community it serves, this would drive many small stations right out of business due to the expense of moving a studio, or a transmitter, sometimes less than a mile to meet the requirements. If the owner could not afford this expense, the station ends up on the auction block, and the nature of the original broadcast offering is gone, once again bought up by huge national corporations who have zero interest in what the local community wants to hear and enjoy.

With respect to the rule requiring that a small independent station have 24 hour coverage, even though they may only be broadcasting music, or programming received remotely. The cost to hire two or three employees by a small station with perhaps only a single employee/owner could again put those small enterprises right out of business, to be sold in turn to the aforementioned big business folks.

With respect to rules requiring the playing of some predetermined "local music" is unreasonable and not required. The owners of these small "local" stations know their audiences, know what they want to hear, and are quite capable of selecting local content for airplay. This would only add to the already burdensome paperwork and filing the owner operators have to submit.

Please do not pass any of these rules that I feel would do more harm than good.

Respectfully submitted,
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